

THE President has returned from his ducking trip, and the wheels of the government can now move again.

If Mr. Cleveland can not succeed in retiring the greenbacks, he will have the certain knowledge that he has retired the Democratic party.

THE President has appointed, and the Senate confirmed, Rufus W. Peckham, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

It is Cleveland doesn't want the nomination in 1896, who is left to take it? Since the November election one by one the bosses have been throwing up the sponge.

A COTEMPORARY figures out that, as the President receives a salary of about \$18 per day, if he buys ten ducks per day they will cost the Government \$18.80 per duck.

A KANSAS district has a written contract with a teacher to teach the school, chop the wood, make the fire, sweep and find the matches for \$35 a month. The teacher is a woman.

THERE formerly was an axiom, "As good as gold which appears to have fallen out of use the past few years. The farmers of the country will, next year, have the opportunity of voting it back into their vocabulary.

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean thinks "If President Cleveland were one-half as popular at home as he is in the nations to which he and his party have transferred the manufacturing business of the nation he could easily walk on a third term."

CHIEFMAN HARRITY has called the Democratic National Committee to meet at Washington, D. C., on the 16th of January, 1897, to fix the time and place for the meeting of the Democratic National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President.

UNDER the McKinley law the government went on paying off debts and retiring bonds, while under the Wilson-Gorman law we have added \$162,000,000 of bonds, and more are being demanded. The wayfaring man, though a fool, can understand such facts as these.

THIS session of Congress is two weeks old, and the Secretary of the Treasury has not yet sent in his annual report of our financial condition. Mr. Carlisle is in a tight place, but he will not cover up the deficit in the Treasury. His day is unproductive.

HON. THOMAS D. CARTER, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has issued his call for the National Convention to meet at the city of St. Louis, on Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1897, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, etc.

COLONEL WILLIAM O. BRADLEY, the first Republican Governor of Kentucky, was inaugurated on Tuesday of last week. Governor Bradley is a sound money man and a protectionist, and thus it appears as if Kentucky has returned, after a lapse of many years, to the principles of Henry Clay. Republicans all over the Union will join in welcoming the return of the prodigal.

THE Democratic keynote of the coming political campaign will be "Down with the greenbacks." If we recollect right, we heard a similar cry along about 1861-1865. It availed nothing then, and it will only count against the Democracy now. An experience of thirty years has satisfied the people that they are the best paper currency the country ever had.

THERE are twenty-nine contested seats in the present House of Representatives at Washington. This is an unprecedented number, and as the trial of these cases is generally tedious, sometimes dragging through an entire Congress. It is said that Speaker Reed proposes to divide the committee into two or three parts, so that several cases can be heard at the same time. It is certainly due the members who are entitled to seats to have their titles settled as soon as possible; besides, it is a large saving of expense to the Government, as both the contestant and contestee are paid full salaries until the contest is decided.

STATE CHIEFMAN QUAY has issued a call for the assembling of the Republicans of Pennsylvania in State Convention in the Opera house, at Harrisburg, on Thursday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating two candidates for representatives at large in Congress, and thirty-two candidates for presidential electors, and the election of eight delegates at large to the Republican National Convention.

This call of the State Convention will necessitate the calling of our county primaries at a very early date in the spring, and prospective candidates for county offices will have to get a handle on them "right away directly."

HON. EDWARD M. McPHERSON, who represented the people of this county in the 37th Congress, died at his home in Gettysburg, on Saturday last. Mr. McPherston was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1862, and served in that capacity until December 1875. He was again elected to that position in 1881, and later in 1888. During his long political career he served as Chief of the Bureau of Printing under President Hayes. He also served as Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee in the Presidential campaigns of 1854 and 1858, and at one time was editor of the Philadelphia Press. As a political statistician, Mr. McPherston was decidedly an authority, and his various opinions were noted by his National reputation. He was widely respected, and he was known and esteemed in every State of the Union. He was sixty-five years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

A BULLETIN on corn issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture says: "Reports received by the Department from crop correspondents, show that the shortage in the wheat crop this year is more than compensated for by the immense yield of corn, which

has been exceeded but four times—in 1871, 1877, 1879 and 1888. On the reported area of 6,928,000 acres, 207,425,000 bushels were produced, an average of thirty-nine bushels per acre. The large yield lowered the price of corn, which averaged but 21 cents per bushel on December 1 and was very uniform throughout the State. Had the entire crop been sold at this price the producers would have received \$57,740,000."

Bradley Inaugurated. Wm. O. Bradley was sworn in at noon on Tuesday as Governor of Kentucky. He is the first Republican Governor of that State.

In his inaugural address Governor Bradley said in conclusion: "I solemnly appeal to the people in every locality and to the officers of the State for a united, energetic and fearless enforcement of the law. Nothing can be more effective in the suppression of crime than the cultivation and expression of a healthy public sentiment which will hold in just execration every criminal, more especially the murderer and assassin."

"Mob violence, which has its home in the breast of cowards, should be prevented at all hazards, and if committed should be properly and severely punished. Such action is an open declaration of the want of confidence in the courts, and, instead of promoting, does serious injury to the welfare of the State. The commission of crime is to punish crime as a find to a theologian in a Christian civilization."

May be Two Senators to Elect. A dispatch from Washington to the Boston Herald says: Maj. John W. Carson, of Philadelphia, says there may be two United States senators to elect by the next Pennsylvania legislature, and this will arise from the voluntary retiring of Mr. Quay from the senate. That gentleman's term will expire in March, 1897. Mr. Cameron will go out of office with President Cleveland, and the expectation is that the next President will be a Republican. If so, it is highly probable Mr. Quay will be invited to and will accept a place in the cabinet, thus leaving his seat in the senate to be filled by a man from the western section of the State. This would offer an opportunity for heading the factional differences between Mr. Quay and certain Republican leaders of western Pennsylvania by the tender of the senatorship to a western man, to be selected by the Magee-Dalzell caucus.

Unique Church Marks an Aged Mason's Devotion. WILLIAMSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—There was dedicated this afternoon at Hopeworth as unique Presbyterian church as exists anywhere in Pennsylvania. It is a beautiful stone structure, and the walls were not only laid up by one man, but he also sawed out the stones from great boulders on Brobst mountain. He labored more than six years, never drawing pay for his work, and when he died recently, he bequeathed his unpaid wages to the church. The heroic stone mason was George Taylor. In the church he reared a pretty memorial window, erected by a grateful congregation for the aged and untiring builder. It is called the Lycoming Centre Presbyterian church, and is located in Hopeworth, seven miles north of this city.

Jack Rabbits in Droves. FORT DONALD, Ia., Dec. 15.—The jack-rabbits are coming down from the north. They are coming in hundreds and coming in thousands. Owing to the early snow about one-half of the corn crop is yet in the field. The jacks are rapidly removing it, but in a way that makes the farmers roar and bring their hands. John Cheney, the old farmer of this section of Iowa, says that he never saw the like before except in the year '57, which was the coldest year he remembers having ever experienced. The cold weather in the northern regions, together with a scarcity of food, without doubt, makes the animals seek a better territory. Farmers are agitating the propriety of the State giving a bounty for all killed, in the hope that this will reduce the number.

Another Million-dollar Gift. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—Chicago Union, the oldest paper of this city, has received a million-dollar gift. The conditions of the gift are that it shall be devoted to the increase and spread of knowledge within the field of biological science.

Lost Her Life in Saving Others. CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 14.—At an early hour this morning the residence of Owen Monahan, at Lonaconing, Md., 18 miles west of this city, was totally destroyed by fire, and Miss Bridget, his 22-year-old daughter, was burned to death in a heroic manner, dying a few minutes later in great agony. She lost her life in trying to save other members of the family, who were also severely burned. The unfortunate young lady was on the eve of her marriage.

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Two men were the only mourners at the Woodlawn Cemetery, New York, Wednesday, at the funeral services over the body of Alexander Collier, a man who a few years ago was known in every European capital. In the Civil War he was a noted blockade runner, who established headquarters at Wilmington, N. C. Under the name of Fort Fisher, this "blockade king" carried on a thriving trade in the contraband articles of war and exported the cotton of the South. The house which he established at Wilmington was an absolute stronghold. Never did champagne flow so free, never was hospitality more lavish than in the home of the "blockade king." Therefore the leaders of the Southern Confederacy met to take counsel together.

Collier, who at one time could have drawn his check for millions of dollars, died a few days ago almost destitute, and his funeral expenses were paid by a son of an old friend.

Alexander Collier's home in London, situated in Kensington Gardens, was one of princely hospitality. It was gorgeously fitted up, had a corps of liveried servants, and the entertainments given there were on the most extravagant and lavish scale, establishing luncheon in Egypt, British India, Australia, and South America. Operations were begun on a gigantic scale, and in an effort to corner cotton goods in all the markets of the world, somewhere in the seventies, Collier made the largest failure known in the history of commerce. His liabilities above his available assets were \$20,000,000, equivalent to \$200,000,000.

The head of the house was forced to flee from the country. A few years later he made some money as a railroad manager in Richmond, but failure again came to him, followed by death in poverty.

Armenians' Pitiful Appeal. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—The following telegram, signed by a number of Armenians, has been sent to London: "Armenia is in her last gasp. The work of extermination continues. The massacred people number 400,000. Half a million survivors have taken refuge in the forests and mountains, where they are feeding upon herbs and roots. Hunger and cold have begun to ravage greatly. In the name of humanity and Christianity, we appeal to you to send us relief."

At Trebizond a bishop and five ecclesiastics were burned alive while seeking refuge in a building. Fresh outrages have occurred in other parts of Asia Minor.

The Hamidieh cavalry (Kurds) have destroyed 200 villages in the province of Van. Fifty thousand homeless people are flocking into the city of Van, and the government is doing nothing to prevent further outrages.

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